Pfc Saburo Sato
March 1, 1921 - November 6, 1944

Saburo Sato was born in Waiakea Mill, Hawaii, on March 1, 1921. He was the son of Yoshitaro and Koma (Kaneko) Sato. He was educated at Hilo Union School, Hilo High School, Hawaii. Before entering the service, he was a carpenter for the Army.

In March 1943, he was inducted into the Army at Honolulu, Oahu (serial no. 30105224). He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He served with the 100th Infantry Battalion, 1st Battalion, Company B, in the Hawaiian Islands, continental United States, Italy and France. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Pfc. Saburo Sato died of wounds on November 6, 1944, at Naples, in Italy during the Vosges Mountain – St. Die, France campaign, and is interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl), Honolulu, Hawaii.

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